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TELEPHONE, BEEKMAN 2200. Overt Act and Overt Fact.

"The overt act," said President WILSON, "has not occurred." Before he spoke it had. The sink ing of the Laconia with further loss of American life is reported to have

nition at sight. It is something to know an overt act when you see one. A large number of persons do not have to behold murder to identify it, however.

If we have become too wonted to murder in the dark shape which it shocking that the country may well consider who is to blame

Where Education Is Needed.

Discussion of the universal service most for the moment be merely aca. attack " demic. There is no chance in the hurtaking public education to remove.

the whole world dear in the last three merchantmen with or without warn- partisan majority. years. For it is merely historic truth ling and sending non-combatants to the tle army" the War Lord of Germany in Conneil, gauntler to the whole world,

seas nor would our few ships be rusting at their decks.

that each year able bodied boys reached the British do not. ing the age of 19 shall be enrolled in times of pence.

taining from every citizen his proper contribution toward the national defence; averts the cruel inhumanity of having, in moments of nation-ti provides for us the only efficient form of national defence at the mo-

ment of greatest peril. are incorporated in a working plan buying or refusing to buy. It is our of that chamber the three men most for universal military training. Nev- old friend the law of supply and de- active in speaking and in propaganda cost of lee production has gone up." ertheless only those who are igno- mand a little dressed up for the im- work against the President's policy and consequently the Chicago dealers bave increased prices by 20 per cent. rantly sanguine can hope that a meas- mediate occasion. ure of so revolutionary a character. education of the people.

Mr. Howells at Eighty.

he exercises his well known preference for the delights of earth, chiefest among them the day's work performed in New York or Boston or in | The lower purchasing power of the great national stress. a little Maine retreat and productive dollar is due to the increased number of quiet pleasure in the remotest cor- of dollars in circulation, which, in all, the wires tell us that William J. arm of manufact ners of the globe. Quiet pleasure and turn, is due to gold imports and the Bayan, leader of a powerful wing of More than one cabellero; occasional irritation; Mrs. Atherron resulting credit expansion. This is and others have spoken their minds about the simple tales that Mr. Howard that the Easy Chair of Franklin marketing facilities. The faulty distribution is the result of undernourment authors. It is his limitation.

Woodrow Wilson once Secretary of State of the United States, and now. State of the United States, and now. It is true in retirement, the controlling spirit of a large minority of the Democratic members of Congress, is speeding to market authors. It is his limitation.

Woodrow Wilson once Secretary of State of the United States, and now. It is from the British pleasure the above peoples to dispatch Juan Vargas completely enumeration of shower washes belief burners blood beas aftered and clark that the Easy Chair of Franklin marketing facilities. The faulty distributing and marketing facilities. The faulty distribution is the result of undernour-lished railroads. And by undernour-lished railroads. And by undernour-lished railroads. And by undernour-lished railroads. Some secretary of State of the United States, and now. It is from the British of States of the United States, and now. It is account the simple as the United States of the United States, and now. It is from the British peoples to dispatch Juan Vargas completely and now. Another potent influence in creating better than the United States, and now. It is from the British peoples to dispatch Juan Vargas completely and the United States, and now. It is from the United States, and now. It is from the British Peoples to dispatch Juan Vargas completely and the United States, and now. It is true the United States, and now. It is from the British Peoples to dispatch Juan Vargas completely and the United States, and now. It is found the United States, and now. It is found to the United States, and now. It is a from the British Peoples to dispatch Juan Vargas completed and the United States, and now. It is a from the United States, and now. It is a from the United States of the United States, and now. It is a from the United States of the United States use pretending he does.

Mr. Howeres would never have ment to handle present traffic. written "Richard Feverel," "Lord Of course railroad equipment can Jim," "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," not be supplied in a day, a month or a

But he did write "The Rise of Silas pay top prices for the products of the Lapham" and "A Hazard of New Fortunes." They are important items | ments be transformed overnight. of American literature; if they are not esteemed important items of liter-

Another Field Day in the Re'chstag.

sides, Mr. Howells is still writing.

To chop logic is "to dispute or argue in a sophistical manner, or with un affectation of logical terms or that high prices are very largely bemethods." As a chopper of logic there youd our control unless we suspend what he must have if war is indeed enlistment in any department of the has never been the equal of the Ger- the operation of economic laws by ap- written in the book of fate, a patriman Chancellor, Dr. von Bernmann, pointing a food dietator, fixing maxis offe and not a partison majority beson, which was plainly his purpose, is revived. Of some of the unexpected The speech, however, must have been and inevitable results of such an emmade for home consumption, because bargo THE SUN spoke several months not even a German statesman could ago. But an emburgo would not neces the State Department is about to be believe that neutrals would be deceived sarily lower prices. Producers and by his cuttletish methods. That President Wilson should

Chancellor. There was of course noth. thing, must be placed at home, Ing brusque about the threat to sink met the President's own test of recogzone." That was a step thoughtfully taken for the welfare of neutrals, that time at a high level as the result is to say to keep their ships in the partly of the operation of economic home ports. Mr. Wilson repuid this forces beyond direct control, partly as delicate consideration by rudely giv- the result of the war, partly as the ing the German Ambassador his pass, result of our own mistakes and omisports. We wonder what the Dutch sions, and only incidentally here and assumed for the Americans on the and Scandinavian neutrals, who have there as the result of personal greed. Laconia, that is an overt fact so few shirs left, will think of the Chan- Within the play of their higher range cellor's assurance that "we meet half they can be very considerably conway all wishes of neutrals that can trolled and regulated by the public blamed if they full to see the fine dis- smaller organizations with a double therion between a blockade and the barrelled weapon, the judicious emand training plan sent to Congress "definite barred zones within which playment of food substitutes and the by the General Staff of the nemy every ship has to count on immediate Judicious refusal to buy.

Never before his Dr. Hollwed vensideration of the measure, while the lass not emulated Germany in taking truth in the assertion so persistently peace plan"! obstacles in the way of its passage the lives of non-combatants at sea, made by the partisan press that the will, we fear, take years of pains | "Well, gentlemen," says he, "why did Republicans in Congress are trying the British not endanger American to harass the President in his wrestle, out timidity insurance and save their The American people have behind lives? Only because neutral count with the International crisis.

would not have thrown down his It requires a Prussian imagination ties. He has manifested distrust of preparedness are constantly in a state his last So, too, did the United States to day ship, which may have recourse to the striving to the utmost to secure from gress would rather grease the ways possess anything except what another Admiralty courts, should try to pro- it a gift of plenary power that he German observer describes as a voke a belligerent war vessel to sink may be able to dispense with the Free speech at Columbia-Dr. Burness "wooden sword" our people would her and to send every sailor and past legislative branch of the Government says university officers may talk as they not have been massacred on the high senger to Davy Jones's locker. But altogether for nine months, sure to please. Newspaper headline. however that may be, the fact stands be filled with most delicate and per-Briefly the bill asks of the people non-combatants on the high sea and possibly to be nine motths of war.

the citizen army, there to undergo British "starvation blockade," and he and the country to form a fair idea period of eleven months. For two for not asserting "the freedom of the he seeks there would be more reason with the rising generation on the years thereafter they will be subject sens" to put an end to British re- for granting it. But he has taken further side of the to two weeks training annually. For striction. Yet at the outbreak of the every possible position in this con four years and one month after their war Germany had the second most troversy with Germany except that of first training they are to be enrolled powerful navy in the world. Although actual war. During the debate on in the first reserve, and for eleven very strong in first line of battle ships the McLemore resolution Congress while United States prosecuting offiyears thereafter in the second reserve. It has never come out to dispute Brit- man Cooper of Wisconsin, Republican cers are trying to take the gum shoes These trained soldiers are to be called ish control of the seas. Even Spain ranking member of the Committee on of a number of exponents of Kultur upon for service only in time of war, risked her navy in the war of 1808. Foreign Affairs, cried pathetically; in this country, as every untrained man is legally the. The German fleet is always kept in "Goo knows I'd like to stand by the We call attention to the very sugble to be to-day. A regular profess the background of the Chancellor's President if he'd only stand still." gestive article elsewhere on this page sional army is provided for the or- logic. In fact, he never mentions it. A like perplexity has always con- concerning the future relations be-

It is idle at this moment to go into heard nothing about the freedom of patriotic reasons than those of mere considerable and creditable experience the details of this bill. The test of its the seas, nothing about a dastardly party discipline. ultimate acceptance will depend upon starvation blockade if Germany had The charge is made that party legations at Paris, London, Constantithe willingness and ability of the broken and scattered the British fleet spirit holds the Republicans aloof, nople and Pekin and as Minister of people to see that universal training and deprived England of her food Let us see. Four Senators in the Costa Rica; he was also secretary

Lowering Food Prices.

danger, to send our boys into action food, and if we do not print them all House committee comes the report signed "Washington" because Mr. Einutterly untrained to meet the well it is not from lack of sympathy that the President will be opposed and could not use his own name, contrained soldlers of the enemy; builds with the object sought. In the main by four Democrats, Ragsnalz, Shack- tained a remarkably clear and specific up the physical stamina and sense of they introduce erroneous assumptions LEFORD. HUDDLESTONE and THOMPSON prediction of the present great war. patriotic devotion of our youth, and or are imperfectly elaborated. A sur- of Oklahoma. The Republicans in prising number of them are built on a opposition are but two, Coopes and solid foundation, however. This foun. PORTER of Pennsylvania, the latter tains a fine consistency. He never has dation is the fact that the public can, perhaps the most pronounced pro- American flag off the high seas. All these forces for national good to a certain extent, regulate prices by German in the House. On the floor

judged by our past history, can be we believe they would arrive at sev. NER and CALLAWAY. All incidentally made law without long and effective eral interesting conclusions, running were benten for reelection. And if somewhat as follows:

At eighty William Dean Howells factors, of which the more important opposition to all the President has country will sympathize in refuses to take his place among the are a general shortage in the world's sought to do well, the pseudo leader test. Who, will become of the "eximmortals. With a gentle obstinacy supplies and the lessened purchasing of the Democratic majority, CLAUDE perts" if their province is invaded by power of money.

> The shortage is a fact and there is any qualities of broad Americanism no going behind it.

mantic authors. It is his limitation, ished railroads. And by undernour-He does not like Tarner sunsets in ished railroads we mean railroads fiction and presumably thinks it no which have been persistently starved for years so that they have not equip-

factories. Nor can marketing arrange

In shortages of supply, more plenti ful dollars, semi-Siberian transportaature by some, that is nothing to quar- tion and inferior markets there is pected to be a poet, a critic and fos- food prices without imagining gigunterer of young talents, an editor, a tic conspiracies afoot. We all know immediately accepted by all? Be- undoubtedly conspire and can be caught and punished under our laws. But punished or not they and their acts are negligible factors.

What, then, can we safely from such conclusions as these? Why. Horawso. In his latest speech in the mum prices and rationing the nation, hind him in Congress, he and his licu-Reichstag he has excelled himself. We hear no frantic appeals for such tenants should approach that body Never did be successi so badly in mak. a radical and effective step. Instead not as Democrats alone but as Amering the worse appear the better read the talk of an embargo on foodstuffs leans altogether. speculators would not be compelled to ask less just because they could not his hand a scroll inscribed "Departbreak off diplomatic relations with sell abroad. There is, in fact, only ment of State, Peace Plan." Germany on receipt of her piratical one thing in the world that can affect manifesto of January 31 was a them, and that is refusal to buy. The brusque business, according to the embargo, if it is to accomplish any shadowy suggestions of events with

We do not advocate such an em-"all ships" that entered the "barred bargo. It would be biting off the nose to spite the face. Prices will conbe complied with"? They cannot be acting individually and in greater or

Party Support of the President.

them not only the record of their own tries, and especially America, voiun- It would be a menace to the nation freedom from any save voluntary tarity submitted to the British orders. If this charge were well founded. The military service-except briefly dar- and because the Bruish, therefore, Democratic majority, so slender in apprehension rather than suffering in ing the civil war-box have inherited could attain their object without embithis Congress, disappears altogether fact, must understand that an apprethe British aversion to a great or ploying force." It must be that the in the next. If the President is to tional citizen army. That prejudice Chancellor in his raind's eye sees be supported at all it must be by a has cost not only Great Britain but British submarines torpedoing neutral distinctly non-partisan or perimps 1st- possibility of rhetoric, suffer in fact.

Mr. Wilson has not been making to say that lad England poss-seed bottom because they would not put up easier the work of forming and weld-control" bill really a swamp reclamaanything except a "contemptible lit- with visit and search, defying Orders ing into coherent shape a majority based on patriotism and not on poll of the most powerful opponents of to discover any reason why a neutral Congress as a body. To-day he is of preparedness. that the Germans take the fives of plexing international problems, and

Again Dr. Hollweg harps on the had been such as to enable Congress young woman home after dark had se dinary garrison and other duties of But if the shoe were on the other fronted those who have sincerely destween the United States and Japan. foot, what then? We should have sired to uphold his policy for more The writer, Lewis Einstein, has had a

> If our friends would stop to reflect note are Democrats, Battey, Taven- ever. the Republican misleader of his party. The present high prices of food can James R. Mann, has been narrow,

> > fitting him to lead in a moment of But finally, and most significant of the President's policy, to antagonize 169 1/2 his appeal for authority to uphold

American rights and the dignity of the American nation. With the spectacle of BRYAN and

selves ridiculous by first overstating and then denouncing Republican hos-

tillty to the President's policy. The President needs and merits the support of Congress-not of the Democratic members only, or the Repubrel about. How can a man be ex- quite enough to account for present licans, or the lone Socialist, but of a working majority of all. But to obtain it he must be clear and explicit writer of essays and flavorous travel there is speculation going on in food- in his requests. He must not be so books, of short stories, of furces and stuffs, but every evidence points to it tactiess as to appeal for a gift of six times a week, to congregate in groups time be expected to produce epics alone or in the locsest concert. A few he plans to get rid of Congress altogether. He will not get very far by sending his political fugleman, BURLE- will give when the time comes for applisoy, to the Capitol to coerce recalcitrant Democrats and coldly repulse the aid of Republicans because they

are Republicans. In brief, if President Witson wants

Make Bryan's Portrait Historic.

The diplomatic reception room at adorned by a three-quarter length portrait of Mr. BEYAN, holding in

It's a pity that the custom of filling in the backgrounds of portraits with which the lives of the dignituries depicted were largely concerned has become obsolete.

Else how greatly this portrait might be made to contribute to the education of the generations yet unborn, who in time to come will throng; that chamber, as now, in search of population is poor; that is, most people good fat consulships.

How fitting it would be to depict the Lusitania, the massacre of Carsure of Mrs. Hoy and her daughter. How thrilled the Americans of future days would be to contemplate upon i this background of sinister history the smug and smilling face of the former Secretary of State, who for all had no remedy nor, redress save the ried last days of this session for con- tured to explain why Great Britain. There is little patriotism and less bland and unctious profer of "My

> American shipowners should have reputations if they cannot save their property.

our commerce, which is suffering in hension is never a fact; and that when ships are tied up in port indefinitely commerce does not, cannot by any

In passing the Mississippl "flood tion for the benefit of band tors- the Senate has shown that some The present Confor pork than for battleships.

Can the trustees do nothing to protect a helpless community?

If the past record of the President allotted the happiness of escorting a little of gallantry in his makeup that

> British authorities have removed the rubber heels from the footwear of

in our diplomatic service both as attaché of the American embassies and produces the only democratic army: supply, which was really a prime obprovides the only Just method of object of German strategy.

and deprived England of her food
committee on Foreign Relations opprovides the only Just method of object of German strategy.

Committee on Foreign Relations opposed the report of that committee

His published writings on matters of which granted the President in some diplomacy and foreign policy have been respects more than he asked. Three many and important; and it is worth Several readers send to us outlines of these were Democrats-Stone, remarking that a notable contribution of schemes to reduce the prices of O'Gorman and Hitchcock. From the of his to the National Review in 1913,

> Senator Robert M. La Follette main wavered in his design to keep the

"Everything that enters into the and consequently the Chicago dealers from the very day of the Lusitania High temperature comes higher than

plained that George W. PERKINS Wrote a pamphlet on economical foods that the ordinary householder can underbe reasonably accounted for by many pettifogging and unpatriotic in his stand, every dietary expert in the KITCHIN, has been equally lacking in persons who write and speak com-

Business Opportunities in Mexico.

From the Buffalo News.

Might I impress with pleasure the above

With purity of heart, Juan Vangan & Sons Las Calles Independencia, Mexico

Knicker-Was it a case of armed nea KITCHIN and STONE before them Ad- head and a pistol under the pillow.

Perhaps Unpreparedness Is Followed to Assure His Placidity.

we must sooner or fater face the inevitable-war with Germany-why do we stand idle all the day?

Why is it not feasible and practical for the unenlisted men of our city, at drill, whether with firearms or not, sinply for the benefit that the familiarity

Any public park or square will more than answer the purpose, and I am certain there are men well able to drill any and all men and boys who will volunteer. This drilling need not imply I'nited States army or navy; it will simply mean a more intelligent enlistment when it becomes a necessity

NEW YORK, February 28. N. T. F.

HIGH PRICES.

Will Merchants Other Than Food Speculators Defend Themselves?

There is, however, another class interested in this question of inflated food prices, a class interested in keeping its nurposes.

realize what the present situation means? to them. Don't fear, though, for when sharks are due for a great walloping.

have broulded for the bare reseased the drowning women and children of of life. This money left after they have clothes, humasements, luxuries. Whee rizal, the sinking of the Sussex and fined prices are boosted the food sharks Falaba, the cruel death from experger a larger proportion of the people's a smaller proportion. High food prices un duiness in other lines of business. some after, every manufacturers' assobroad association, every amusesort, outside of the commants alone, is visitly innewspapers awaken the merto their interest in the crushing of the food sharks. Once awake they'll do it

STICK TO YOUR LAST!

Beerkhyn, February 28.

Economic Theories of a Distinguished Naval Officer Closely Examined.

Whatever the Admirante Admiral has years of practical expensence always incame weight as those of any laudium operation. ber who undertakes to tell an old salt

many's inroads upon Beit in's triefe, quality of textiles, clothing and scores ficulties. It is readily conceivable that would that be to our benefit. Between gerous ambition to seed present

of his fellow countrymen.

GEORGE C. HETZEL. CHESTER, Pa., February 28.

PLAYING FOR TIME. A Discouraged Citizen's View of Administration Tactics.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir have all been willing to stand by the President, provided he stood up. But why hoodwink ourselves longer? Heve that in reality he is an out and out pacifist of the Bryan-Baker-Punicle type, and that the dismissal of Bernstorff was a mere son to those of us who wanted some action that would look like an effort toward maintaining the honor and dignity of the nation. not believe that anything under the sun Curtail Them and You Make a Hypothat may further occur, short of actual invasion of our country, will stir the President to further action. So let the pacifists take heart. The wretched Mexican policy is to be repeated in the present crisis until the country is tired out or has forgotten. The Administration is mercly playing for time.

WILLIAM W. KLINE. READING, Pa., Lebruary 28.

The Quiet Day. From the Detroit Free Press

Three mothers somewhere in sorrow (well, and they owe their grief to the screaming shell.

That burst on that pleasant morning.

Twas a quiet day, so the Colonel said.
But it left three boys in its trenches dead, and never a new day's dawning.

Shall come for the mothers at home but government. Shall weep for the lives that it took away.

nor even "The Old Wives' Tale." year, especially when countries at war ministration newspapers make them- WOULD IT IRRITATE THE HOW THE UNITED STATES COULD ESTABLISH FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: AS Invoking the Root-Takahira Agreement, a Policy of Mutual Economic Benefit Should Be Proposed-The Two Countries Either Enemies or Allies.

No prophet is needed to discern among where. Unless goaded, Japan would be did not in the past present serious right least for an hour or two, once, twice or six times a week, to congregate in groups war the closer proximity of America and discusse of indignities suffered by her emiof dozens of novels and at the same as the work of individuals acting authority at the same moment that sufficiently small to be manageable, to Japan in China. The problem there grants. But Japan might well take adwhich before the war interested all the part of the world to confront us with exist great Powers has now narrowed mainly a series of pressing demands in order must come when they will run counter to one between an impotent China, a to obtain from us the acknowledgment strong Japan and ourselves. A far- of what she regards as her rights, we shall either have to retreat or ele sighted diplomatist like the late Count Among the likely effects of this war will be ready to assert them. Nigra once said that the position of Aus- be the expulsion of German commercial tria and Italy was such as to render interests from the colonial markets of presents ample opportunity for all, ye them either enemies or allies. Our relations with Japan may well assume the same form, although the grounds for ica. If ever we are forced to take up the defence of the Monroe Doctrine perity to America, it has done relatively difficulties with Japan, we shall run se- of pressure at the capital.

difference are less serious. If the war has brought added prosmore for Japan. By building up finanal reserves previously non-existent and that of our adversary. From whatever nabling the country to place on firm side friction arises there is danger in and transit through which trade must footing a nascent industrial organization its being regarded as inherent in the pass. If we are determined to question weaknesses have been largely reme- situation and the supposed inevitable- the assertion of such "rights" died. The Japanese business structure, ness of a conflict. Few wars are, how- where they may be exercised by Japanese of mushroom growth, which under less ever, inevitable until after they have to her advantage, if we intend to To the Editor of The Sun-Sir; We favorable circumstances might have occurred, and certainly neither our pres- hold our own interpretation of mmon people appear to be helpless to plunged the land into disaster, has now ent nor our prospective relations with otect our slim pocketbooks from the justified an over rapid development and Japan warrant such an outlook or perpredatory raids of the food sharks, allows the island empire to pursue with mit its possibility to be viewed otherwise than as a criminal blunder. new vigor its expansion in China,

The European Powers, on the other hard, can in the future hardly refrain diplomatic skill will have to be exerdown to a moderate level. This from restricting, when they do not with- cised to maintain it. A few years ago class is by no means helpless; it is a draw from, their Chinese holdings. The we withdrew from the international lass that has peculiarly efficient methodenormous outlay of the war, the vast financial concert at Pekin on the ground Japan. But there are many who have ods, legal and extralegal, of achieving amount which must for years be neces. that to continue in it implied encroach- lessly will at any time bring presary to repair its ravages, is likely to ing on the administrative independence on the Government for a vigorous This class as yet does not appear to cause French, Belgian and even English of China. In exchange we reverted to forcement of our so-called rights, to capital to take advantage of favorable the solitude of our former position there. getful of the consequences their ass prices to sell Chinese securities to Japan We liked to think of the problem as be- tion may involve, or the dispara they do awaken to their interest the food and perhaps the United States. Dimin- ing entirely one between China and our- tween the means at our command and ished investment will feretoken dimin- selves when the world would unite with the purpose in view ished diplomatic interest. So far as us in promoting those disinterested Europe is concerned the day of spheres formulas which we had found most ad- East, in spite of its meritorious em

influence, of leased territories and vantageous, and which on the surface to assist the Chinese Government other colonial cuphemisms is over in other nations seemed to indorse. Grim reality governs the policy Chiun, probably never to return. Even Russia, who has refound her traditional States whose financial resources are less where it will mean a case of fight interest in the near East, will be too but whose military strength is far scuttle. For the recent proposed of preoccupied by that and a difficult in- greater than our own. The situation tension in our interests these, if ternal reorganization to venture aggres- was fluid and the different elements seriously intended than others in

sive action in the extreme Orient, The Japanese policy to establish a kind of Asiatic Monroe Dectrine has, ropean Powers were soon after taken been made aware of, will precipita owing to the same causes, met with no up by the war and on the side of the rather than retard this. slight success. By force of arms she Entente their interest in China was conhas ousted Germany from the political fixed to the small participation which colum of vantage previously occupied at England obtained with difficulty from and amicably she will later, if not elim- China herself, in the threes of internal relations were still cornel, to mair, at least reduce her allies inter- troubles and the painful crisis which about a better understanding with ests in China. She finds herself at press for years she has been traversing, was and associate her enterprise will ent without a serious prospective rival attempting to fashion a new administ in China in dire eration only by the prudence of her fancy, netual statesmapship. This result is in her in this hard task. The traditions remembrance of a reno way unexpected and was foreseen of a policy of territorial disinterested to do this. The problem long before the present war. Plainly ness urge us to do so and make our aid our course nough in the event of a conflict with peculiarly acceptable to the Chinese, vantageous for Japan to con-

European Power America would be But the situation is no longer the same key of comparative restrain left face to face with a more formi- as it was. The power of China has, at with our rights and our face highle Japan and without the benefit of least for the present, declined. The in- China rather than embers such diplomatic assistance as was be- fluence of friendly European countries of militant aggression fore obtainable from friendly Powers. from whom in the past we derived as- this aiready exists in the min-The consequences of this change were left sistance is no more exerted. Hetween nected Root-Takahira agree To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Many unprepared. It is to be hoped that they America and China lies a magnified affirming the principles of China those who heard or have rend the have now been considered, for they Japan whose wish is for Chinese evoluremarks of Rear Admiral Chadwick at most react on the nature of support tion to take place through its own inbut been on Februs given to our traditional policy in China. my 17 now understand why Pliny the in whatever way we may regard this, growth of Chinese life in education, in Eider advised the shortcaller to stick to its future is bound to be influenced by arms, in industry, in trade, and to dethe action of Japan.

America and Japan, with fresh reto say concerning the navy and its sources at their command, active, ambi-needs is sure to be accepted with the tious and enterprising, each easer to based on an ever extending influence exouddence in its worth and Aisdom that lake advantage of the moment to dis- cretsed in every direction. occess former rivals in trade, find spire, but when he enters the domain themselves face to face in a land like broken any pledges with respect to Cars antagonizing each other. if economics it is painfully evident that China with the vast possibilities such ness integrity and the open door. Our ters little, although to obtain his opinions, are entitled to about the neighborship presents for conflict or co- interpretation of the latter may differ it will have to be supplemented

causes of our previous friction. "Free trade means neare. Protection origin of trouble with Japan is too well. No purpose is served in discussing here ness development sears wir." says our Admiral in effect, known and must long temain a sore intensive military training for the holds the United States responsible of what he might do with the power of the body there is something wrong that is a free trade major and described even to disappear. Certainly we should wisely. dence to support either contention. Ear- not be dangerous and in time ought times in the past badgered Japan un- In spite of her new found that the first to welcome the prosperity of found in the past will be increased in aid her when the is weather her because one was instancy crease in wages will tend gradually to lation requiring expansion and unable from foreign compljenious of protectionist Germany's efficient with the disparity of labor to emigrate to America, Japan intends by an alliance with thest first sency and bitterly resentful of this conditions on both sides of the Pacific, to branch out upon the Asiatic mainland understandings, with Russia an A righer Japan will mean a nation and create markets for her enterprise, seives, her national progr Strange to say, the Admiral dangles whose workmen finding employment at Corea is hers, southern Manchuria is enter on a course of Germany before our eyes as the model borne, do not need to knock at our doors, bets, Tsing-chan is hers. Her agents, perity. Nor are our benefits of efficiency to the same special is which that until this occurs years may clapse, official and unofficial, are scattered granting the recognition of of efficiency is the same special in which this until his occurs yours may cape.

The declares that "projection and cell and meantine a resentment everywhere in China. Whether in Fig. in southern Managaria, if we are cleave are absolutely amaganistic terms," must remain in the question of emigra-kien, in Shantung or up the Yangtse, to acquiesce in an invitable Ja and that "efficiency lies with free trade." tion with its comprehensible shir on Jap- her interests are widely spread. She expansion in China, which sto Again he says. "You will never have anese national pride, and complicated possesses a class of population unknown of annexation and pleiges itself to the best clothes, the best dyes, the in the United States by the currency of best quality in anything under protection," but the whole world, except the that of the "mastery of the Pacific" among us especially suitable for cheap the door relatively open, we from the door relatively open. R. A., knows that the best does in the The second point of danger exists granting that at the cost of a war in and from solicitude over emigraworld have been made in tiermany these over China, where our expanding inter- which we inight be victorious we could Japanese prosperity automader protection," and as to the average ests must experience increasing dif- break the power of Japan, in what way that difficulty. We only give

of other things, everybody knows that cases may occur where, rightly or China and ourselves Japan must com- China in exchange for a pledge.

America leads the word. wrongly, it will be alleged that our mand the inner line. Proximity of po- clatton with Tokio in the case I am afraid our Admiral in his person enterprise his been thwarted, our news shien, kinship of race and tongue, tain financial interests al leisures has dipped too deeply 1970 merce blocked, and our Chinese conscineager later, state controlled enter- antee can we give to the future "The New Freedom" to dissever the resident nullified by the Japanese his prize will always place her in a more without Japanese acquisitence realities of comomics, and has been sertion of prior rights or semi-legal favorable position than we can hope to can we obtain this better as a too long under the influence of the quibbles. But whereas in China the occupy in China. present Omniscient Administration to American interests which may be prejubase any pride left in the capabilities diced, whether financial, commercial or fronted in China with those of Japan, would be assisting Japan against the first fellow countrymen.

American interests which in the capabilities diced, whether financial, commercial or fronted in China with those of Japan, would be assisting Japan against the first fellow countrymen. nia they are labor's. The real danger extending along paths which are impos- can capitalists, who are unlikely for the United States of conflict with sible for us to follow. Yet the particu- money without prospect of benef Japan will arise if, for different causes, hir method she has in mind for advance. Hy associating Japan in a the tabor and capitalist interests threat- ing her enterprise still remains under mutual economic benefit we aim ened should coincide or unite in influ-termined, and the recent Cabinet crisis holding out the advantages of encing public opinion against what they has been interpreted to indicate differ- tion to restrain her more aggressmay regard as a common enemy, and a ences of view over her Chinese policy. ments. We extend our own enter wave of blind and angry resentment. A choice of road lies open to her as it along safe lines. We need the should sweep over the country and force does to us, though our own decision may ment of China and gain time for Washington, heedless of consequences, react on hers.

> as American rights. On the side of Japan the force of period, proclaiming our friendship for a future which otherwise might opinion is less powerful; the risk to China and seeking to aid individual lead either to a blumbring war which we are exposed arises in case of American enterprise. But while our humiliating retreat, cur experiencing complications else- isolation and the preeminence we sought

A MAN'S RIGHTS.

1. To engage or disengage himself as in the lake which burneth with fire clate the soulful qualities of the

2. To come and go freely wherever he pleases.

ural rights (which, by the way, are church, guaranteed to him by the American Con- | BAYSHORE, February 28. stitution) and to that extent he is no longer free. Besides you do not improve the man. You only make a hypocrite of him. Whenever he can be will try to evade the law which he believes weighs oppressively on him. The only way to improve him is to wean him from his had habits, not by compulsory legislation but by moral suasion.

Utopian dreamers and tyros in statecraft would do well to ponder all this deeply. It is the lesson of experience in PHILOS.

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vantage of our difficulties in some other day. If our interests there are not to to those of Japan, with the result that Although a land so immense

intensifying the action in Latin Amer- work of diplomatic agreements, of commercial and political concessions that its avenues of approach are limited without having previously settled our makes competition peculiarly a matter rious risk of finding her action alding hand will especially rest with the Power controlling the lines of communication can rights and fit this in with what think Chinese integrity and door should mean, the existing point, difference between us will With every wish for peace, care and quickly accentuated. Certainly can be few in a nation so pacific and prepared as is the United States who desire a conflict with a State

The policy we are pursuing in the F supposedly advance thereby America which composed it were rapidly shift- rast without more adequate disc guarantees than the public has so for ing their relative importance. The Eu-Constructive diplomacy thorny questions before entangled, and it may be usked force of circumstance Japan in the conquest of Tsing-chau, timely effort on our part,

ourselves, and restrained in mod- trative system which is still in its in- is feasible would not most with a We earnestly desire to assist able response. Itassia in apite tunity, and calling for a fearly of instruments passess slight youd the spirit which makes they rave the advantage inherent through

amortant for America and a pursuing a common policy from that of the Japanese, who say that econo Jaratiese bank, which would aim ! be open to every one save theniselves, val-

the merits of the Japanese contention. We would in fact app handled it should though it may be said that we have at with serious advantages But whatever fault we have financial assistance we could a as an adversary in a conflict of

pledging respect for certain or to assert that rather vague entity known We can continue in the future, as we which make possible an ultimate have done in the past, save for one brief cry of rights. Especially do no But while our humiliating retreat.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: I

termediary, whose desire is to guide the

Japan has never admitted having

they see no reason why the door should

idea of lying. It is the Bible idea and the only safe ground to build upon. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITE FOR To the Editor of The SUN-Sir' For the average man liberty may be said to the average man liberty

and brimstone." All lies, even the "whitest" of them, grace about New York and be have relation to a state worse than know what lonesomeness is for in 3. To eat or drink or say what he purgatory, and I am surprised that the be so entranced in plucking one question whether a lie is ever justifiable altruistic creatures and offering Curtail the man in any of these nat- should in this day emanate from a heart as a shrine.

WILLIAM W. HULSE,

Reformation Step by Step. From the Madison Journal

the vice crusade in New Origins is in wind jamming stage. The circuit parade with signs and banners has not yet; been reached.

Keeping Up in Kansas.

From the Topeka Capital. The fact is it has reached the point in being a "tight little bean. He this town where unless one subscribes to changed its meaning of soil the and reads a photo play magazine he is classed as an ignoramus.

Is the Church in Doubt About Lying? WOMAN, LOVELY WOMAN wish to commend Martin W. Littleton's Her Lofty Thoughts Preserve it From the Demon of Loneliness.

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! lonesome, and the reason is that something in berself, and he thoughts and emotions take her as from the petty things of this earwrite contentment across her i,

brow. JAMES D. DEWE NEW HAVEN, Conn., February 28. The Island of England, Scotland Wates, Then.

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